

IOWA DISASTER RELIEF DEMONSTRATION FACT SHEET

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration: Iowa Disaster Relief
Waiver Number: 11-W-00239/7
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Date Expires: August 31, 2009

Background

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in the flood-stricken States of Iowa and Indiana on June 16, 2008. The demonstration is the product of discussions immediately after June 16, 2008, among Iowa Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) staff, and staff from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Iowa Disaster Relief section 1115(a) demonstration relieves the State of certain administrative and operational requirements associated with operating its Medicaid and SCHIP programs as a result of the natural disasters.

Eligibility

Eligibility is based on the eligibility levels contained in the Medicaid State plan, SCHIP State plan, IowaCare section 1115 Demonstration, and Iowa Family Planning section 1115 Demonstration.

Redeterminations

The State may continue Medicaid and SCHIP eligibility without a redetermination for affected individuals in the counties specified below for the time periods specified below. Eligibility may continue until the next scheduled redetermination, or until information is received that warrants a redetermination, whichever is earlier. FFP is available under this Demonstration throughout the period beginning with the date the 2008 redetermination was due and ending with the completion of the next redetermination. The next scheduled redetermination date must not be longer than 12 months from the original redetermination date.

2008 Redetermination Due	Redetermination Waiver Applicable
June 16, 2008, through August 31, 2008	Butler, Bremer, Black Hawk, Linn, and Johnson

July 1, 2008, through August 31, 2008	Statewide
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Benefits

For individuals who receiving medical assistance “pending final confirmation and reconciliation” or individuals whose redetermination has been delayed, benefits will be those available to the eligibility group for which the individual is determined to be potentially or previously eligible. Individuals shall receive the same benefits as they currently receive under the program for which they are enrolled, e.g., Medicaid State plan, SCHIP State plan, IowaCare section 1115 Demonstration, or Iowa Family Planning section 1115 Demonstration.

Cost Sharing

Cost sharing for individuals who receive medical assistance “pending final confirmation and reconciliation” or individuals whose redetermination has been delayed, shall be that for the eligibility group for which the individual is determined to be potentially or previously eligible, taking into consideration the proposed Medicaid State plan amendment (SPA) to exempt individuals for paying premiums from June 16 through August 31, 2008.

Delivery System

The Iowa Disaster Relief Demonstration does not affect the method of health care delivery for the following programs: Medicaid State plan, SCHIP State plan, IowaCare section 1115 Demonstration, and Iowa Family Planning section 1115 Demonstration. Depending on the eligibility group, individuals shall use the appropriate delivery systems as specified in the Medicaid State plan, SCHIP State plan, IowaCare section 1115 Demonstration, and Iowa Family Planning section 1115 Demonstration.

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